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Standouts chosen from nine regions

USBWA NAMES 2008-09 MEN'S ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS

ST. LOUIS (USBWA) – The **U.S. Basketball Writers Association** has released its **2008-09 Men's All-District Teams**, based on voting from its national membership. There are nine regions from coast to coast and a player and coach of the year are selected in each. Following is the entire region-by-region listing:

DISTRICT I

ME, VT, NH, RI, MA, CT

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Hasheem Thabeet, Connecticut

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jim Calhoun, Connecticut

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Jeff Adrien, Connecticut
Jimmy Baron, Rhode Island
Weyinmi Efejuku, Providence
Tony Gaffney, Massachusetts
Ricky Harris, Massachusetts
A.J. Price, Connecticut
Tyrese Rice, Boston College
Hasheem Thabeet, Connecticut
Joe Trapani, Boston College
Mike Trimboli, Vermont

DISTRICT II

NY, NJ, DE, DC, PA, WV

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

DeJuan Blair, Pittsburgh

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jamie Dixon, Pittsburgh

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Talor Battle, Penn State
DeJuan Blair, Pittsburgh
DeSean Butler, West Virginia
Dionte Christmas, Temple
Dante Cunningham, Villanova
Levance Fields, Pittsburgh
Jonny Flynn, Syracuse
Jeremy Hazell, Seton Hall
Ahmad Nivins, Saint Joseph's
Sam Young, Pittsburgh

DISTRICT III

VA, NC, SC, MD

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ty Lawson, North Carolina

COACH OF THE YEAR

Oliver Purnell, Clemson

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Trevor Booker, Clemson
Stephen Curry, Davidson
Devan Downey, South Carolina
Tyler Hansbrough, North Carolina
Gerald Henderson, Duke
Ty Lawson, North Carolina
Eric Maynor, VCU
Kyle Singler, Duke
Jeff Teague, Wake
Greivis Vasquez, Maryland

DISTRICT IV

KY, TN MS, AL, GA, FL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jodie Meeks, Kentucky

COACH OF THE YEAR

John Calipari, Memphis

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Nick Calathes, Florida
Toney Douglas, Florida State
Tyreke Evans, Memphis
Lester Hudson, UT-Martin
Jack McClinton, Miami
Jodie Meeks, Kentucky
Tyler Smith, Tennessee
Jermaine Taylor, Central Florida
Jarvis Varnado, Mississippi State
Terrence Williams, Louisville

DISTRICT V

OH, IN, IL, MI, MN, WI

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jerel McNeal, Marquette

COACH OF THE YEAR

Brad Stevens, Butler

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Mike Davis, Illinois
Luke Harangody, Notre Dame
Manny Harris, Michigan
Matt Howard, Butler
JaJuan Johnson, Purdue
Kalin Lucas, Michigan State
Robbie Hummel, Purdue
Jerel McNeal, Marquette
B.J. Raymond, Xavier
Evan Turner, Ohio State

DISTRICT VI

IA, MO, KS, OK, NE, ND, SD

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Blake Griffin, Oklahoma

COACH OF THE YEAR

Bill Self, Kansas

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Cole Aldrich, Kansas
James Anderson, Oklahoma State
Craig Brackens, Iowa State
DeMarre Carroll, Missouri
Denis Clemente, Kansas State
Sherron Collins, Kansas
Blake Griffin, Oklahoma
Leo Lyons, Missouri
Willie Warren, Oklahoma
Ben Woodside, North Dakota State

DISTRICT VII

TX, AR, LA

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Marcus Thornton, LSU

COACH OF THE YEAR

Trent Johnson, LSU

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

A.J. Abrams, Texas
Josh Carter, Texas A&M
Aubrey Coleman, Houston
Stefon Jackson, UTEP
Damion James, Texas
Curtis Jerrells, Baylor
Tasmin Mitchell, LSU
John Roberson, Texas Tech
Marcus Thornton, LSU
Michael Washington, Arkansas

DISTRICT VIII

WY, UT, ID, NM, CO, NV, MT

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Luke Nevill, Utah

COACH OF THE YEAR

Stew Morrill, Utah State

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Luke Babbitt, Nevada
Lee Cumard, BYU
Tony Danridge, New Mexico
Brandon Ewing, Wyoming
Jimmer Fredette, BYU
Cory Higgins, Colorado
Mac Hopson, Idaho
Anthony Johnson, Montana
Luke Nevill, Utah
Gary Wilkinson, Utah State

DISTRICT IX

CA, OR, WA, HI, AZ, AK

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

James Harden, Arizona State

COACH OF THE YEAR

Craig Robinson, Oregon State

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

James Harden, Arizona State
John Bryant, Santa Clara
Jon Brockman, Washington
Darren Collison, UCLA
Matt Bouldin, Gonzaga
Patrick Christopher, California
Jordan Hill, Arizona
Jerome Randle, California
Patty Mills, St. Mary's
Chase Budinger, Arizona

The **U.S. Basketball Writers Association** was formed in 1956 at the urging of then-NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers. Today, it is one of the most influential organizations in college basketball. For more information on the USBWA and its All-District teams, contact executive director **Joe Mitch** and 314-421-0339.